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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Sat., April 5, Mass for Collective April Intentions of St. Matthew & Risen Christ 6:30 pm
Sunday, April 6, Mass for the Parishes, St. Matthew & Risen Christ
Tuesday, April 8 No Mass
Thursday, April 10, Mass for the Intention of Jane Allen, rb Rose Hall

Masses at St. Matthew Parish:

Wednesdays 8:30 & 12:10 pm; Fridays 8:30 am; Saturdays 4:30 pm Sundays 7:00 am and 11:00 am

Ministry Schedule – April 12th & April 13th						
MINISTRY	Saturday 6:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am				
Plate Minister	Deacon Charlie	Deacon Charlie				
Cup Minister	George Josten	Howie Ficek				
	Mary Anne Gill	Marian Ficek				
Lector	Vicki Walbruch	Rick Nease				
	Cecelia Notess	Shelley Nease				
Server						
Greeter	Toni Gunnerson & Don Zimmerman	Mary Anne Cahill & JeNeil Grace				

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

To be sure your announcement gets into the bulletin, please have your information in the Parish Office by noon on Wednesday. The deadline for altar announcements is noon on Thursday.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April	8	NO DAILY MASS	
-		CHRISM MASS, HELENA CATHEDRAL	12:00 noon
		KC Ladies dinner, Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que	5:30 pm
		Knights of Columbus meeting	6:00 pm
		Choir	7:00 pm
	9	Religious Formation	
	10	Soup and Bread Supper	5:30 pm
	11	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
	13	Coffee Hour	After Mass
	15	Choir	7:00 pm
	16	No Religious Formation Classes	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	18	HOLY LAND COLLECTION	

PLEASE NOTE: The Sacrament of Baptism is by appointment Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday, 9:00-10:30 am, or by appointment.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at Risen Christ Parish
Good Friday April 18
Celebration of the Passion of our Lord at Risen Christ
Celebration of the Passion of our Lord at St. Matthew's Parish
Holy Saturday Morning Confessions, Risen Christ, 9:00 – 10:30 am 🛕 太
There will be NO afternoon Confessions
Easter Vigil Liturgy, Saturday, April 19
NO 4:30 pm Mass
Vigil Mass at St. Matthew's Parish
Easter Sunday, April 20
Mass of the Resurrection at St. Matthew7:00 am
Easter Music Risen Christ8:30 am
Mass of the Resurrection at Risen Christ
Easter Egg Hunt at Risen Christ
Mass of the Resurrection at St. Matthew11:00 am
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OUR LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Soup and Bread Supper - Each Thursday at 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross - Each Friday evening at 7:00 pm



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Please bring your Rice Bowls to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 17th, 7:00 pm

OUR GIFT TO GOD					
We thank God for you!	Your gifts	throughout the year are gratefully acknowledged.			
March 29 th & 30th, 2025	Sunday	5,746			
	Easter	20			
	Building	g 55			
	Total	\$5,821			

HELPING HANDS NEEDED TO PREPARE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

It's time to give some prayerful thought to prepare the church for Easter.



<u>For Palm Sunday</u>: Sat, April 12 @ 10:30 am <u>For Holy Thursday</u>: Thurs, April 17 9:30am <u>For Good Friday</u>: Fri, April 18 @ 9am <u>For Easter Sunday</u>: Sat, April 19 @ 10:30 am

CHRISM MASS INVITATION

The Faithful of the Diocese of Helena are invited to attend Chrism Mass at the **Cathedral of St. Helena** which will take place at Noon on **Tuesday, April 8, 2025.** The Chrism Mass is a special celebration in the liturgical life of the Church in the Diocese of Helena. Bishop Vetter will bless the Holy Oils for use in the coming year and priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises.

MASS OF HEALING FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE & TRAUMA

On Thursday, April 10th, at 5:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Helena, Bishop Vetter will offer a Mass of Healing for Survivors of Abuse and Tr

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This special Mass is an opportunity for prayer, healing, and hope for all who have experienced abuse or trauma in any form, as well as for their families and loved ones. It is open to the public, and the entire community is invited to intercede for those in need of healing and peace.

Together, we will pray for all survivors, for those who work to protect children and the vulnerable, and for the Holy Spirit to guide efforts toward justice. This Mass is also a meaningful opportunity to renew our shared commitment to safeguarding the most vulnerable and fostering a culture of care, accountability, and restoration.

Following the Mass, Bishop Vetter will be available for prayers and individual blessings of those who desire it.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for *revealing Christ's love* to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information.

COLLECTIVE MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025

FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Karel & David & Terry Barrett, rb Ken Barrett Carol Trimble, rb Bruce Trimble Shelly Christiaens, rb Judy Stack Tim Slobojan, rb Diane Slobojan

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Ruff & Falk Families, rb Mary Ruff Fran Cavanagh, rb Karol Witt

RISEN CHRIST MASS REQUESTS FOR THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Ron Bauer, Peg Gebhardt, Greg Grace, Mike Hanson Eileen Kluesner, Stacey Neary, Maureen Neitzling Amy Neitzling, Mike & Linda O'Neil Mary Reckin, Joe Riska, Bob Vine, Larry Visocan

FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Deacon Dillon Armstrong Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, John Cooney Carson Gorton, Riley Helgoe, Matt Keck, Kaleb Mitchell Anthony Olmes, Brett Rotz, James Semling, Jamie Severson

UNITED IN GENEROSITY AS ONE GLOBAL FAMILY

Amid the harsh conditions of the Sahel region's 1976 drought, millions faced hunger. That same year, Catholics worldwide gathered at the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, focusing on "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family." As Lent draws to a close, let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can help ensure no one goes hungry in the middle of today's global food crisis. Visit **crsricebowl.org/week-5** to learn more.

READINGS FOR PALM SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025 Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56 PRACTICE OF FAITH

Palm Sunday has the only Mass of the year in which two Gospel accounts are proclaimed. The liturgy begins with the faithful holding palm branches and the Gospel proclamation of Jesus' joyful entry into Jerusalem as the crowds sang "Hosanna!" In the Liturgy of the Word, the Gospel accounts details Jesus' arrest, trial, conviction, torture, crucifixion, and death on the cross.

Walk and pray the stations of the cross this week, reflecting on your Lenten journey and the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Adorn your prayer space at home with a red cloth, palm branches, and a crucifix.

*Holy Week offers the opportunity to walk alongside our Lord from the garden to the cross. Approach these days as a week-long retreat. Make the necessary arrangements to participate fully in the liturgies of Holy Week and to prayerfully accompany our Lord.

FORMING A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

If there is a birth, a sickness, or a death in our parish community, or that of someone you know, please call **Mary Sonju**, 406-250-8610. She will be happy to send a card.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Council represents the interests and needs of the entire Parish community. Jovita Kottraba, 406-232-8461, Jamie Miller, 406-955-8226 Ken Barrett, 406-755-0269, Judy Stack, 406-752-4411, Rose Hall, 406-885-0544

FINANCE COUNCIL

Finance Council members are **Peg Gebhardt**, **Christopher Gill**, **John Gunnerson**, **Wally Walbruch**, **Ken Barrett**.

RISEN CHRIST GIFT SHOP

We now have scapulars, holy water fonts, rosaries, children's bracelets and much more. Stop by anytime to check out our gift shop! Please see Connie McCubbins or Andrea Wright before or after the weekend Masses. If you need to make a purchase during the week,



please stop in the parish office.

We have many items available for year-round giving!

RISEN CHRIST PRAYER LINE

Call Helen Tobiason, 406-212-0063 or Sherry Miller, 406-609-9057 should you or someone you know need prayer. Please leave a message if they are not available and they will return your call.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Our Whitefish 40 Days for Life **Spring Campaign** runs through Saturday, April 12th. It will take place Monday through Saturday from 7am to 7pm. **Weekly Prayer Services** on Saturdays at All Families Healthcare from 3-5 pm.

REMEMBER that it is highly recommended to sign up in pairs. Prayer vigils take place on the sidewalk outside **All Families Healthcare**, 737 Spokane Avenue.

While driving north on Spokane, turn right (east) at 8th St. and drive one block to Kalispell Ave. **Contact**: Mike Hanson at (406) 314-7826 or <u>mikester55@hotmail.com</u>.

AN EVENING FOR THE SEPARATED & DIVORCED

Are you or someone you know struggling with the pain of separation or divorce? We invite you to a free event offering hope, healing, and community for those facing separation or divorce. Date: April 22, 2025 Time: 7:00 EDT Location: Virtual via Zoom

Register today sign up at <u>www.aboundingjoyministry.com/events</u> you will receive the Zoom link or access recording afterward. For questions, contact Carolyn@AboundingJoyMinistry.com







Enrollment Now Open for the 2025-26 School Year!

Secure your child's spot at the fastest-growing school in the valley, where faith, integrity, and knowledge are at the heart of everything we do. Rooted in Catholic teachings, we provide a nurturing environment that fosters academic excellence and strong moral values.

🎙 Spaces are limited—enroll today! 🌞



Scan the QR code to learn more about us and apply. Visit stmattsaints.org or call 406-752-6303



This Week on Formed Week of April 06, 2025

THE SHROUD OF TURIN IS REAL WITH IF R. ROBERT SPITZER

The TRUTH About the Shroud of Turin w/Fr. Robert Spitzer | Chris Stefanick Show

The Shroud of Turin is the subject of a lot of rumors, myths and controversies — maybe you've heard some of them yourself and don't know what to believe. In this episode, Fr. Robert Spitzer offers amazing facts and stories about the Shroud.



Preparing for Holy Week

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Mark Giszczak, professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as they walk through the liturgies of Holy Week, historical spots in the Holy Land, and how to prepare our hearts for the events of the Passion.



Saint John Baptist de la Salle

Celebrate the feast day of St. John Baptist de la Salle, the patron saint of teachers, with this great movie on Formed. St. John Baptist de la Salle, pray for us!

To register, please go to:<u>www.risenchristkalispell.formed.org</u>, click on register now to create your account. Be sure to follow the password requirements and check the square that you have read and understood the Terms of Service. After you have created your account, you will have access to FORMED-provided materials (like the one above) purchased for you by our parish. Please take advantage of this beautiful opportunity to learn more about your faith.

Dear friends, Peace be with you,

I am writing to provide you an update about **Saint Gabriel Radio**, the new Catholic Radio Station in the Flathead Valley. A LOT has been happening. As you are aware, Knight's Radio, a Montana 501(c)3 formed by members of the Knights of Columbus, began a journey to establish a Catholic Radio Station for our valley two years ago. Each Knight's Council has a seat on the Board of Directors in order to facilitate coordination with your parish and to make sure your parish's needs are addressed. Because of the generous support of your parishioners, we have exceeded our capitalization goal and have purchased all the equipment needed to run the station. Currently we are conducting operational testing as required by the FCC. Within a couple weeks we hope to install all the remaining equipment at Saint Matthew's School and transition to program testing. Once this is completed, we will request our final licensing. I will inform you when this is completed and provide you with a date we plan to be on the air. Please pray it will be on or before Easter Sunday.

Saint Gabriel Radio's mission is to spread the Good News of the Gospel to every person in the valley in order to help save souls. The station call sign is KOFC-LP and will be broadcasting on 107.1 FM. Saint Gabriel Radio is a Relevant Radio affiliate and will carry most of their programming.

We welcome your input and want you to lever the station to support your parish mission. To that end, we will be airing a Weekly Flathead Parish News Round-up featuring what is happening at your parish for the coming week. Changes to Mass times, pastoral programs, social programs, and other newsworthy announcements will be aired. Please reply to this email address with your announcements, at least a week ahead, and we will craft them into an audio file for broadcast.

Once we are on the air, we will begin our annual fundraising campaign to keep us on the air! We will be looking for corporate sponsors and individual monthly donors. We will also offer adopt a day programming where a family can sponsor the entire day's programming in memory of a special person or for a special event (anniversary or birth for example.) Each quarter we will also have a weekend-long fundraising telethon sponsored by Relevant Radio where Knight's Radio will receive 50% of all donations originating in our valley. Last, we will have an annual fundraising dinner.

With you in Christ, Mike McNamara President, Knight's Radio 406-314-1638

The Nazareth Page A Gospel meditation for your home April 6, 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Lent John 11:1-45

Do we fully know the mind of God? Does anyone? And do we make judgments about the behavior of others as if we did? Apparently certain religious officials (scribes and pharisees) thought they did. After all, they thought of themselves as experts in making judgments about what others did. And apparently, they felt that they could use their assumed knowledge and judgments to trick Jesus.

They likely knew enough about Jesus to know him as being kind and generous. But they also felt that they had God on their side. They knew the law. They knew what was considered lawful and what was surely unlawful.

Now to the scene depicted in today's gospel. They brought a woman who was caught in the act of committing adultery. The punishment of such acts was brutal. They were to be stoned to death in public. If Jesus said that she should be freed, they could use this against Jesus as one who did not follow the law. He would be thought of as soft on the law. They wanted to build a case against him. We are getting close to the end of his life, and we know how that ended.

Before answering them, Jesus does something that seems a little out of place. With his finger he writes something in the soft sand. Biblical scholars tell us that this was to connect his act with another time when a finger was used to write on stone. In other words, when God gave the Ten Commandment to Moses. So, Jesus was amending the old law of Moses with the new law of God, revealed through him. In general, he was revealing to us that *forgiveness* is an essential part of the new order.

But also, he was pointing out that many of the accusers of the woman were also sinners. Thus, his statement that whoever is without sin, let them throw the first stone. One by one they departed the scene. Perhaps if you or I were there, we would do the same.

This is a remarkable incident in the life of Jesus that can bring us to a deeper understanding of our relationship with God. Through Jesus we are shown the merciful love of God. Through him we are also invited to think of our own sinfulness and our need for God's mercy. And the importance of our forgiving others who we believe hurt us in any way. We cannot know others as God does. But we can imitate God's forgiving attitude. David M. Thomas, PhD

